THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The funds to various projects are being provided as per availability of resources based on State-wise formula. The funds to projects in Kerala are also being provided as per the formula and the projects are not getting delayed on account of fund constraint.

Trains upto Ajmer

†1927. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ajmer is a significant area from tourism and commercial point of view on account of existence of shrine of Khuaja Garib Nawaj, the Teerthraj Puskhar and a marble town named Kishangarh in Ajmer district;

(b) whether the facility of trains is lacking in Ajmer keeping in view the huge number of professionals, pilgrims and lakhs of tourists coming here each year;

(c) whether his Ministry has any plan to start some new trains or to extend the existing trains upto Ajmer in order to overcome this shortage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Existing train services are considered adequate for catering to the needs of the passengers of Ajmer.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Introduction of additional train from Ajmer or extension of existing trains upto Ajmer is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Security at railway lines

1928. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern Railway had decided to make investments for improving the security at railway lines;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.